Grants from TMC

†1106. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different market committees from the State of Maharashtra have sent 15 proposals to Technology Mission on Cotton for grant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision going to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) For the Tenth Five Year Plan 18 projects for Development of Market Yards have already been sanctioned for Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) of Maharashtra. 23 more proposals have been received out of which 3 market yards have already been approved and sanctioned.

Closure of loss making units of NTC

1107. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Textile Corporation has been incurring losses in the operation of its various units during the past few years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) in view of the high wage component whether it is feasible to continue their operations and incur further losses; and

(d) as an alternative whether Government would consider closing the loss making units and utilize the funds for other textile units for their upgradation?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Primary reasons for losses include excessive labour force, obsolete plant and machinery and shortage of working capital.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.